

**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 5**

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SUBJECT: Inspection of General Iron Industries Inc.
Chicago, Illinois 60614

FROM: Vivian Doyle, Environmental Scientist
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TO: Files

Thru: Brent Marable, Chief
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General Facility Information

Location: General Iron Industries Inc.
1909 North Clifton Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60614

Phone: (847) 455-3300

Participants: Vivian Doyle, Environmental Scientist
Joseph Cardile, Environmental Engineer
Rae Trine, Environmental Scientist

Observation of Cease and Desist Order:

Joseph Cardile, Vivian Doyle and Rae Trine observed General Iron Industries Inc.'s (General Iron) operations from an offsite location, on June 3, 1999 in accordance with the cease and desist order. We observed the process at General Iron from 9:45 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. We observed General Iron accepting appliances. A huge pile of refrigerators, among other appliances, were placed directly next to the shredder. The appliances were sorted using the claw from a crane.

Phone Conversation:

I contacted Mr. Adam Labkon at 11:50 a.m. to inform him that the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U. S. EPA) had

passed by to observe the operation. I told him that we observed piles of appliances next to the shredder. I asked Mr. Labkon if General Iron was accepting appliances. Mr. Labkon stated that General Iron was accepting appliances. The appliances are checked to determine if the refrigerant has been evacuated. If the appliances contain refrigerant, the inspectors direct the trucks to pull into the recovery area. The refrigerant is drained from the appliances and then placed in the pile of scrap. He said that the customers were very understanding and that they were working with General Iron.

Enclosures:

Photographs

standard bcc's: official file copy w/attachment(s)
 originator's copy w/attachment(s)

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